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NEW TELEVISION CHANNELS IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka State is way behind in having both news as well as entertainment television channels in comparison to its neighbouring southern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; (

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to start new TV channels including Kannada channel in Karnataka State during the current year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. However, Prasar Bharati have informed that like in other Southern States, Doordarshan Kendra Bangalore is having a 24 - hour satellite channel "Chandana" which is putting out six news bulletins other than entertainment programmes. Doordarshan News which is a terrestrial news channel is also carried along with DD-1.

(c) : No, Sir.

(d) : Does not arise.